MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE started from Hawarden, on the 27th, for London, en route for Cannes. Both were in excellent health.

UNITED STATES SENATOR E. O. WOL-COTT. with his family, has left London for Paris, where he will continue his mission in the interest of bimetallism.

THE Hawaiian Gazette of the 19th, in its annual review of trade, says that the past year was financially the most prosperous in the history of the

HERR FRENTZEL, a merchant of Berlin, and Herr Krupp, the gun maker, of Essen, have been appointed life members of the upper house of the Prussian landtag.

DISPATCHES from Gos, the capital city of the Portuguese territory of that name in India, on the 29th, said that there were three cases of bubonic plague in the hospital there.

A DISPATCH from Madrid says that President Canovas has made a formal denial that any negotiations for a new commercial treaty between Spain and the United States are in progress.

THE house committee on labor, on the 27th, ordered favorably reported the bill of Mr. Watson, of Ohio, prohibiting the use of prison labor on buildings erected for the United States.

THE president-elect of the United States is 54 years old. It was on January 29, 1843, that he first saw the light of day at Niles, O., where his father was manager and proprietor of an iron foundry.

HENRY CHENOWITZ, a mason, 55 years old, returned to his home in Long Island City, N. Y., on the 28th, after recovering from an operation by which the whole of his tongue was removed. His trouble was due to cancer.

FAILURES throughout the United States, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co. for the week ended on the 29th were 331, against 409 for the corresponding week last year. For Canada the failures were 57, against 70 last year.

Ox the 22d State Insurance Commissioner Matthews of Ohio announced that he would not relicense the Lloyd's insurance concerns of New York to do business in Ohio, because they were not legal organizations under the laws of that state.

Among the first-class post offices showing a falling off in receipts for the last quarter of 1896 Chicago shows a decrease of \$4,735; Cincinnati, \$10,-431; St. Louis, \$22,504; Cleveland, \$7,-705; Kansas City, \$2,221; Minneapolis, \$6,202; St. Paul, \$3,605, and Louisville,

Ox the 27th the president approved, among others, acts to enable the town of Flagstaff, Ariz, to issue water bonds; to incorporate the convention of American Instructors of the Deaf. and for the relief of telegraph operators who served in the war of the rebellion.

In the Missouri senate, on the 27th, of the money.

A MOVE to break down the great Welsbach monopoly in incandescent gaslights will be made in the United States circuit court in Chicago. The attack will be made on the patent itself, and it will be claimed that the legal rights of the Weisbach company expired in August of last year.

THE formal enthronement of Rt. Hon, and Rt. Rev. Mandel Creighton, who was recently appointed bishop of London to succeed Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. Frederick Temple, the latter having been elevated to the office of archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all England, will take place on the

THE large grain elevator of the W. H. Purcell Maiting Co., at One Hundred and Twenty-third street and the Belt line tracks, Chicago, was destroyed by fire on the 26th. The elevator was recently rebuilt, two former structures having been damaged by fire. The loss, which is estimated at \$350,000, is nearly covered by insur-

JONAH and the whale furnished an hour's mirth to Plymouth church, Brooklyn, on the evening of the 24th, and Rev. Lyman Abbott, the preacher, dissected the Hebrew prophet with a skill and a humor that delighted his auditors. Indeed, the audience became so hilarious at the close that Dr. mild rebuke.

street, Lincoln, Neb., was totally de- York on the 25th. stroyed by fire at an early hour on the morning of the 26th. The block was occupied by roomers, and, as the legislature was in session, was quite full. Several had narrow escapes. The building was valued at \$75,000; par- eign country by exclusive landing tially insured. The cause of the fire was a lamp explosion.

THE senate committee on foreign relations, on the 25th, discussed the general treaty of arbitration for more than an hour, but no conclusion | the Lake Shore road from Canton, O., was reached on any portion. The whole time seems to have been devoted to a discussion of the relations of the Nicaragua canal and the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to this proposed new convention. Many suggestions and a girl about four, perished in a

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Second Session In the senate, on the 25th, Mr. Burrows (rep., Mich.) called attention to corrupt political practices in the state of Delaware. A bill providing that no person shall be tried in a United States court for acts in ald of the re-public of Cuba was introduced and referred to the committee on the judiclary. Mr. Turple (dem., ind.) spoke in support of the right of congress to recognize a new state and in favor of an immediate declaration of belligerency Eulogies of the late ex-Speaker Crisp were then pronounced.....In the house a lot of miscellaneous business was disposed of, and consideration of the indian appropriation bill was commenced. Bills were passed to regu-late the disposition of dead bodies in the District of Columbia and to prevent the spread of

contagious diseases in the district. In the senate, on the 29th, Mr. Turple (dem. Ind.) resumed and concluded his speech in fa-vor of the recognition of Cuban independence. Mr. Chandler succeeded in getting consideration of his bill for a commission to any international monetary conference. The bill went over, and the remainder of the day's session was occupied by Mr. Daniel (dem., Va.) in a speech against the Nicaragua canal bill as be-ing "in fraud of the contract."... In the house the bill to restore Jonathan Scott to the pension roll (from which he was dropped by the bureau in 1894) was passed over the president's veto. Mr. Hitt reported the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, which was placed on the calendar. The rest of the day was spent in committee of the whole in consideration of the Indian appropriation bill

In the senate, on the 27th, the military academy bill was passed, after a lengthy controversy over an amendment providing for the attendance of the West Point cadets at the inauguration parade. The Nicaragua canal bill was taken up, and gave rise to a spirited debate. The bill was pending when the senate adjourned.....In the house the conference re-port on the immigration bill was agreed to af-ter many speeches for and against the measure. As reported from committee it is practically a new bill. The principal objects the bill was the clause requiring immigrants to read and write "in the language of their native or resident country."

In the senate, on the 28th, Mr. Allen (pop., Neb.) introduced a resolution intended to impede foreclosure proceedings for the sale of the property of the Union Pacific railroad, which went over without action. The bill for a commission to an international monetary conference was taken up, and, after speeches by Messrs Chandler, Bacon and Stewart, went over. After a season spent in executive session several bills were taken from the calendar and passed.... In the house the Indian appropriation bill was passed, with some changes relating to the scope of the measure. The bill making appropriations for the agricultural department was called up, and gave rise to an amusing and sometimes acrimonious debate, based on ex-Gov. Altgeld's charge of fraud in

the Obio election. In the senate, on the 29th, the bill for the representation of the United States in any international monetary conference that may be called occupied the session almost exclusively, and was finally passed by a vote of 46 to 4..... In the house the report of the con-ferees on the bill providing for the incorporation of the purchasers of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, after a heated debute, was rejected-71 to 143. The house refused to take up bills from the private calendar, and for nearly an hour continued in committee of the whole in consid-

eration of the agricultural appropriation bill. PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A DISPATCH from Constantinople says: The sultan is dejected at the prospects of his Mohammedan subjects backing the European demands. His grand vizier and foreign minister are both exhausted from worry, and the grand vizier is seeking permission to resign.

THE recent cold wave found many unprepared to resist the biting blasts, and intense suffering was reported from the big cities in its pathway. In many thousands of hungry families of most instantly killed his wife, Claristhe unemployed was truly pitiable.

a joint concurrent resolution was in- | ter known by her nom de plume, "The | The tragedy troduced by Senator Schweickardt, and Duchess," died in Dublin on the 24th. adopted, that \$250,000 be appropriated Mrs. Hungerford had a rare personfor the relief of the tornado sufferers ality and was a famous hostess at St. Louis, and that a commission be | Though past middle age, she always appointed to attend to the distribution retained a bright, youthful appearance, and was generally in a vivacious, cheerful mood.

An Egyptian commission, appointed for the purpose, has started on a tour of the various Red sea ports to arrange precautionary measures against the bubonic plague which is raging in

Bombay and other ports of India. THE marquis of Dufferin, the retiring British ambassador to France, has accepted the presidency of a committee to celebrate, at Bristol, the four hundredth anniversary of Cabot's discovery of America.

THE preparations for the Bradley Martin ball in New York, that is to outshine the Vanderbilts, continue. It is said, however, that several wealthy women have concluded to remain at home on the night of February 19, fearing an outbreak of some kind at the Waldorf as the result of the great prominence which the affair has received.

THE plague news from Bombay is not reassuring. The British sanitary commissioner has reported seriously on the situation, but Englighmen regard the chances of the plague getting a foothold in Great Britain as being

THE consular and diplomatic bill was reported to the house on the 25th. It carried an appropriation of \$1,651,-803, which is an increase of \$20,000 banks of New York city for the over the appropriation for the current week ended the 30th showed the folfiscal year.

ted in London of a charge of complic- specie, increase, \$550,500; legal tend-Abbott felt obliged to administer a ity in a dynamite conspiracy, and John ers, increase, \$1,493,000; deposits, deney in New York, who went to London \$368,300. THE Hall-Lansing block, 1336 O in defense of Ivory, sailed for New

> THE senate foreign relations com- \$10,000,000 by the railroads of the counmittee, on the 25th, favorably reported try by means of padding the mails for a bill providing that the shore end of a period of 50 days every four years, any new submarine telegraphic cable when the government is about to which shall be protected in any for- make its quadrennial reweighing. rights or other special privileges shall not be permitted to land in this coun- of the Scranton, (Pa.) Heat and Power try without the consent of congress.

> MRS McKINLEY, wife of the president-elect, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Barber, arrived in Chicago over on the 26th. They were driven at once to the residence of Mr. Lafavette of Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and McWilliams, 3961 Lake avenue.

MISS ANNA VANDEWATER and two children, a boy aged about eight years | captain of hussars. were offered, but none took tangible burning farm house four miles south U. S. N., retired, has been accepted, of Belseville, Mich., on the 26th.

On the 26th the house passed over the president's veto, by more than & two-thirds vote, the bill to restore Jonathan Scott, of Oswego, Kas., a veteran of the Fifth lowa cavalry, to

the pension roll, at the rate of \$79 a month. CONCLADT BROS,' Great Western pottery, at Peru, ind., one of the largest in the country, was burned on the

26th; loss, \$40,000. AT Linton, 15 miles east of Sullivan, Ind., on the 27th, Mrs. Robert Wilkey left her two children, aged one and four years, in the house while she went out calling. The house caught fire and was burned down, and both

the children perished. On the 28th Comptroller Eckels of the treasury addressed the house committee on banking and currency on the several bills referred to him. He said a great deal of the present depression had been brought about by overtrading, unwise credit and unusual extravagance, public and pri-

vate. THE senate committee on commerce. on the 28th, agreed upon and reported favorably to the senate Mr. Caffery's bill appropriating \$250,000 to close the crevasse in the Mississippi river at Pass a Loutre. The committee expressed no opinion as to the liability of the Eads heirs in the matter.

MURAVIEFF, the newly-appointed head of the Russian foreign office, arrived in Paris on the 28th. A large crowd of persons assembled at the station to await his coming, and greeted him with cheers and cries of 'Vive Russie" as he made his appearance.

THE body of Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the Pitman system of shorthand, who died in London recently, was cremated at Woking on the 28th.

A TELEGRAM from Port Eads, La., says the steamer Albert Dumers ran down and sunk the steam yacht Argo on the 28th. Two reporters of the New Orleans Picayune, who were on the Argo, are missing.

THE fishing schooner Hattie Rebecca Carter, from Atlantic City, went ashore two miles northeast of Sea Isle City, N. J., on the 28th, during a thick snow storm. Her crew of six men were saved.

THE Italian war office has ordered six battalions of troops to get in readiness to start for Massowah.

Ar Jackson, O., on the 29th, Alice Hill, a blind woman, aged 45, while groping her way across a room in the house in which she lived, came in contact with a stove. Her clothes were set on fire and she was burned to death. Her mother, aged 72, also nearly blind, was fatally burned trying to save her daughter.

THE northbound train on the Southern Pacific railroad, which left San Francisco, on the 28th, for Portland, Ore., was held up near Roseburg, Ore., on the 29th, by two or three men. Two small safes in the express car were blown open and looted. The express car then took fire and the car and contents were destroyed. .

THE house committee on the library, on the 29th, recommended favorably the bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of an equestrian statue in Washington city to Maj.-Gen. Henry W. Slocum.

THE business portion of Caledonia, O., was burned at an early hour on the AT Cleveland, O., on the 29th, Wil-Chicago especially the distress of the lard Colton, 45 years old, shot and al-

sa, aged 42, and then shot himself in MRS. HUNGERFORD, the novelist, bet- the head and died in half an hour. mestic quarrel.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE senate was not in session on the oth In the house almost the sole subject of consideration was the agricultural appropriation bill. As usual the distribution of seeds was the subject of discussion, a motion to strike off the appropriation altogether being lost by a vote of 94 to 70. The proposed rearrangement of salaries of bueau officers were stricken out of the bill and the provisions of the present law inserted in place of them. The bill was then passed, as were two or three private bills, when the house adjourned.

THE German government is about to end a special commission to Bombay to investigate the bubonic plague which is raging there with a view of adopting precautionary measures against the introduction of the disease into Europe. Dr. Kock, the eminent German bacteriologist, has been summoned from South Africa to head the

commission. THERE will be no commutation of the sentence of eight months' imprisonment imposed on Lady Scott for libeling her son-in-law, Earl Russell. Earl Cadogan and other of her friends have sought to obtain her release, but they have failed to shake the home secretary's decision not to set her at liberty.

THE statement of the associated lowing changes: Reserve, increase, EDWARD J. IVORY, alias Bell, acquit- \$2,080,450; loans, decrease, \$1,573,000; A. McIntyre, formerly district attor- crease, \$147,800; circulation, decrease,

THE New York World alleges that the government is annually robbed of

BETWEEN one and two o'clock, on the morning of the 31st, the extensive plant Co., in the center of the city, was almost totally destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$50,000. Half the town was left in

darkness. PRINCESS LOUISE, eldest daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, and wife Gotha, brother of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, has eloped with an Austrian

THE resignation of Lieut. C. A. Stone. dating January 31.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Normal School Question Principal points in Representative Aydelott's bill for abolishing state

normal schools in Missouri: "WHEREAS, The state, after twenty-five cears of experience with normals, with an expenditure of \$915,755 up to 1896 hand up to 1894 only sent out 175 four-year and 318 two-year normal graduates as against 519 private college graduates without cost to the state; and

"Whereas, The forthcoming report of the state superintendent of public schools will show that out of the 14.000 teachers in the state only 1,000 have attended either of the state normal schools as much as six months showing that less than 11 per cent of the teachers in the state have enjoyed any of the advantages of the said normal schools; there-

Resolved, That it is the sense of this house that the state normals, located at Kirksville, Warrensburg and Cape Girardeau, should be turned over to the communities in which they are situated, by nominal sale, without appropriations and power to grant state certificates, and by so doing give each of them a chance to stand upon their own merits, as the private normals and colleges of the state must do; and be it further.
"Reso keed, That this house will favor a lib-

eral appropriation for the maintenance of a department to the state university. which shall be the one authority outside of the state superintendent of public schools which shall be given the authority to grant state certificates to teachers, to the end that private enterprise in the way of establishing normal chools and colleges in this state, may be encouraged."

A State Fire Marshal.

A movement has been started in the legislature for the creation of a state fire marshal.

The cost is to fall on the insurance companies in the shape of fees. The fire marshal's duties will be similar to those of a coroner. That is, in cases of all fires which the companies desire to be investigated, he is to visit the scene, make a thorough inquiry and adjust the loss.

Mr. Hatch's Will. The will of Col. W. H. Hatch, excongressman, was admitted for probate recently.

The son, Lou S. Hatch, receives only the amounts already paid to him. The daughter is given ten shares in the First national bank of Palmyra, and the widow receives the remainder of the estate, both real and personal

New Police Commissioners for St. Louis. The governor has appointed Anton Stuever, a well-known brewer, and Gen. James M. Lewis to be police commissioners of St. Louis. They, with two other commissioners and the mayor, constitute the police board.

An Unruly Pupil's Deed,

Miss Charlotte Brown, a teacher in the Stoddard school, St. Louis, attempted to correct an unruly pupil. In the first round the pupil "landed" on Miss Brown's jaw, putting her to "sleep" for 40 minutes.

She Was Poor, and Froze to Death. Martha Lacey, colored, who had no home, was frozen to death in the basement of a dilapidated and uninhabited house in Lexington, where she had gone for shelter with her two little

children. The Governor Had Mercy.

John M. Meacham, aged 18, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years from Worth county, through the mercy of Gov. Stephens will go to the reform school for boys at Boonville.

Baptist Conference at Sedalia.

The fifth Sunday convention and special conference of the pastors of Harmony Baptist association was held at East Sedalia Baptist church, and was largely attended.

Was Noted as a Criminal Lawyer. Hon. Lafayette Dawson, noted as a criminal lawyer, died at Maryville,

aged about 58. A few days before his death he was received into the M. F. church, south. A Good Office.

The governor has appointed Charles P. Higgins excise commissioner of St.

Louis. The office is a good one, and Mr. Higgins, like his predecessor, will etire rich. The Warrenburg Normal. The third quarter term of the War-

rensburg state normal school opened with an enrollment of 718, an increase over the enrollment of last term of 20. Valuations in a Rich County.

The total land valuation in St. Louis county for taxation is \$22,408,210, and

total valuation of personal \$3,976,333, making a grand total of \$24,389,540. Grip Caused His Death. John Q. Bryan, city marshal of Se-

dalia immediately after the war, died

at Camp Branch, six miles south of Sedalia, recently, of grip, aged 86. Mrs. Frances Wisely.

Mrs. Frances A. Wisely, aged 53,

died at Fayette recently. She was born in Fayette, and was the mother of County Surveyor J. D. Wisely.

Missouri School for the Blind. The attendance at the school for the blind in St. Louis during 1896 was the largest in its history. The new class

this year numbers about 30.

Death of a Wealthy Woman. Mrs. Ann R. Allen, of St. Louis, widow of Thomas Allen, died at Pittsfield, Mass., recently, aged 73. She

was worth \$10,000,000. Indorsed McKinley's Idea. A resolution was adopted in the Missouri legislature indorsing McKinley's proposition to devote the inaugural

fund to charity. Drowned in a Well. Daniel May, aged 20, son of Wm. May, near Marine, Madison county, lost his balance and fell into a well

He was drowned. Highly Respected at Palmyra. R. H. Wishart, an old and highlyrespected citizen, died at Palmyra, after a brief illness, of congestion of

Not Much of a Mover. Judge John R. Story died near Excelsior Springs, from a paralytic

stroke. He had lived in Clay county since 1829. A Fatal Accident to a Young Man Otis Day, aged 21, whose parents re side at Sumner, Chariton county, was

killed by a falling tree. His head was

THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 26 .- SENATE -In the senate yesterday Mr. Busche, of St. Louis, introduced a bill to prohibit the publication of false statements about office-holders or can-

didates for office.

By Mr. Marshall: A bill to exempt personal property to the amount of \$100 from taxation. By Mr. Martin: An act rendering void all contracts made by or with trusts, pools of combinations.

By Mr. Gray: An act asking for a constitutional amendment to give legislative power to change inheritance tax. This bill applies to all estates of over \$25,000.

House-The fellow-servant bill went to engrossment. A number of amendments were offered, among them one by Mr. Ehrmann, of St. Louis, asking for general legislation, but the bill was finally ordered to engrossment
The bill to prohibit baseball on Sunday was
called up by Mr. Slate, of Maries. He made a

lenghty speech in support of the bill, as did Representative Burks, of Saline county, but it was finally defeated.

Mr. Pickles, of Adair, made a speech against the bill, and said it was as great an offense to kiss his wife on Sunday as to play a game of ball. He moved that the entire subject be referred back to the committee on criminal jurisprudence. This motion was lost.

The committee on eleemosynary institutions reported favorably on the bill demanding the inspection of all the convents and private asyums of the state.

By Mr. Meyers: An act to repeal an act known as an act to establish and maintain a uniform course of text books in public schools and enacting a new law on the same subject. JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 27 .- SENATE-In the senate yesterday Senators Vandiver and Hoh-enschield introduced two bills to make the Confederate home at Higginsville, and the

eleemosynary institutions.

The senate judiciary committee recommended the passage of the bill which prohibits persons, ministers or others, who are not citizens from preforming the marriage ceremony.

Union Veterans' home at St. James, state

Senator Martin, of St. Louis, introduced a bill to legalize sparring matches under reason-House-Mr. Aydelott made a strong speech in support of his resolution abolishing state

normal schools, quoting from the state audi-tor's report, and making a favorable impression. Mr. Williams, of Scott, moved to lay the resolution on the table, but the motion was lost-55 year to 59 mays. Mr. Pickler, of Adair, defended the normals. There was a lengthy discussion, which developed the fact that there is strong opposition to making further approprintions to support normals.

The Avery fellow-servant bill was reported from the committee on engrossment, read at length and passed, only one vote being cast against it.

JEFFERSON CITY. Jan. 28. - SENATE-Yesterday Senator Schweickhardt introduced a bill to appropriate \$25,000 for the cyclone sufferers of St. Louis, and appointing Sam M. Kennard as the distributor of the money. The probabilities are that the bill will pass.

Senater Peers introducee a bill repealing the present law with respect to the curators of the state university and providing for their appointment as a non-partisan board. House-Mr. Aydelott's resolutions relating

to the normal schools was taken up and re-ferred to the committee on education. Remonstrances were presented from Barry. Grundy and Greene countles against the reduc-

tion of passenger rates.

Mr. Ehrman, of St. Louis, offered a resolu-tion appropriating \$6,000 for a monument to Thomas H. Benton in Forest park. JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 29.-SENATE-The senate transacted very little business yesterday. A bill was introduced allowing incorporated cities to levy a special tax for maintenance of public libraries: also a bill allowing the trans-ter of cases from one justice's court to another.

in cases where the justice is sick, disabled or otherwise incapacitated from holding court. House-The committee on criminal jurisprudence recommended that the bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette wrappers

be passed.

The bill allowing insurance companies to rebuild houses which they have had insured was reported favorably. Mr. Burks of Saline, presented a bill pro-

riding that state banking institutions, when they declare a dividend, shall set apart a surplus fund of ten per cent, until the same

shall amount to 25 per cent, of the capital Mr. Harrel, of Clay county, reintroduced his

separate coach bill.

The feature of the day was the discussion of the bill relating to the stock yards of cities governing charges, but the morning hour expired before any disposition was made of the matter. It was apparent from the course of the debate that the legislators were largely in favor of a stricter government of the stock yards, and were inclined to enact laws in com-

formity with those of other states. JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 30.-SENATE-The Avery fellow servant bill was read by its title. in the senate yesterday, and referred to the

Senator Davidson introduced a bill providing for the creation of the office of bridge inspector Adjourned till the 1st.

House-Among the bills introduced were the following:
By Johnson: Declaring it unlawful to insure the lives of persons under the age of 14

be appointed by the governor. This bill was Introduced by the internal improvements com-By Tribble: To prohibit book-making and

An act to require railroad commissioners to

By Leeper: Creating bureau of building and loan supervision.

By Crisp: To regulate the handling and sale

of dynamite and other explosives. By Dunn: Relating to the erection of build-ings for free public libraries in incorporated By Koch: To reduce the excise commis-

sioner's fees on the granting of dram shop licenses from \$3 to \$1.50.

A very warm debate took place in the house on the bill to compel the Chicago & Alton rail-road to abolish the gate system on its trains.

An adverse committee report was made, but the bill was ordered printed for information. The committee on elections submitted a majority report in favor of Sessinghaus, Moeller and Koch, republicans, of St. Louis, retaining their seats. A minority report, signed by one member of the committee, favored their un

seating and seating their democratic contest-JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. L - It is evident that Saturday sessions are not exactly popular with Missouri statesmen. This conclusion is drawn from the fact that many of the legislators were late in arriving Saturday morning, and there was but little business transacted. The house adjourned shortly after H o'clock, until two

o'clock to-day.

Albany, O., Burning. ATHENS, O., Jan. 30.-Reports have been received here that the town of Albany, O., is burning. There is no direct communication with the place, which is off the railroad. The loss is said to be heavy, but no particulars can be learned.

EVERYDAY THINGS.

Paper collars are now almost gone out of use, owing to the cheapness of the linen article and the convenience and excellence of the work done by the laundry. They were made of a basis of linen with a film of paper celluloid

spread over its surface. Pocketknives are now machine made, the blades being stamped from strips of steel and afterwards ground and polished before being fixed in the handle. The "assemblying" of the different parts of the knife is a matter of hand labor. !

TAYLOR RECAPTURED.

The Murderer of the Meeks Family Found in California, Living in Seclusion on a Ranch—The Crime for Which the Taylor Brothers were Seutenced to Hang. Which Penalty One of Them Has Al-

ready Paid. HANFORD, Cal., Jan. 31.-George Taylor, under sentence of death for participating in the murder of the Meeks family near Carrollton, Mo., and who escaped from the Carrollton jail several months ago, was captured on the Jacob ranch, near Hanford, by



George Taylor. Sheriff Buckner and a posse brought to town. Taylor was taken by surprise and made no resistance whatever. He had been domiciled in a small cabin on the ranch, and apparently felt secure that his identity was unknown. A strong guard was placed over the prisoner in the city jail, and the governor will the applied to for extradition papers.

George and William Taylor, farmers, were convicted of the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. Meeks and the attempted assassination of their little daughter, who survived to tell the tale of the crime. Both brothers attempted an escape from the jail and George succeeded, and no trace has since been found of him until now.

WAS PLAYING CARDS

While His Wife and Children were Burned to Death-Seven Persons Burned in Ho-boken and Thirty Families Rendered Homeless.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Feb. 1.-This city was visited by two disastrous fires be tween 11:30 Saturday night and 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Seven persons were burned to death and 30 families were made homeless.

The Saturday night fire started in the three-story frame building at 410 Newark street. Here six persons lost The father of the family, Charles

Schroeder, was in a nearby saloon

playing cards while his wife and children were dying. The second fire started at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the five-story double deck tenement at 157 Fourteenth street, over a mile from the scene of the first. In this fire three tenements, 155, 157 and 159 were entirely wrecked and 153 was damaged badly by water. One child was burned to death on the fourth floor of No. 157.

She was Mabel Mangles, 3 years old As near as can be determined the fire at 410 Newark street started in a defective flue in Schaeffer's wheelwright shop on the ground floor of a three-story frame building. Schaeffer occupied the second floor as living partments. The front rooms on t third floor were occupied by Charles Schroeder and his family, while James Blanchard and family occupied the rooms in the rear. The Blanchard family was first to discover the fire, which had gained such headway that they barely made their escape by way

of the roofs of adjoining buildings. It was impossible to discover the fate of the Schroeder family until the fire had subsided.

When the police entered the building little save the shell remained, and they were obliged to exercise great care in climbing about the place. They finally reached the top floor and made their way into the front room. Stretched across the bed, blackened and charred, lay the mother, and clasped tightly in her arms was the little baby, Willie. Beside the mother and baby, in the same bed, lay the charred bodies of the girls, Maggie and Kate. It is likely that they were suffocated in their sleep. On a mattress on the floor near the window lay the body of the boy, John, but the body of Henry, the oldest boy, was nowhere to be seen. Upon further search being made the boy's body was found under a mass of debris in the hall,

burned almost to a crisp. It is believed that the boy was aroused during the fire, and in his efforts to escape ran into the hall.

GOV. BRADLEY'S DILEMMA.

Dire Punishment if He Does and a Terrible Fate if He Doesn't. FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 1.-Gov. Bradley has received the following letter: JACKSONVILLE, Pla. Jan. 26 Gov. Bradley, Frankfort, Ky. Sir: 1t would

be unjust to hang Scott Jackson and Walling on my account, for I am alive and well, and my parents will never be able to find me. Respectfully. PEARL BRYAN. P. S.-I leave here this afternoon. The governor has received numerous letters threatening him with dire pun .

sentences of Jackson and Walling. Others say he will meet with a terrible fate should he show mercy. HOME HELPS.

ishment if he does not commute the

A handful of hops in the brine in which hams and bacon are pickled adds to the flavor of the meat and keeps the brine sweet.

To remove iron-rust spots in the absence of sunshine, soap them well, place a wet cloth on a very hot iron; when the steam rises, lay the spots on the cloth and immediately rub with a crystal of oxalic acid, or a damp cloth dipped in powdered crystals. When the spots have disappeared, wash at once in several waters. Guard the acid well, as it is a deadly poison.